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SUBJ: MRS GANDHI VISITS SRI LANKA

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1. SUMMARY: INDIAN PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI'S STATE VISIT TO SRI LANKA WAS OF SOME SATISFACTION TO GSL. IN SEVERAL ADDRESSES, SHE RANGED WIDELY OVER BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, STRESSING NEED FOR CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. IN APRIL 29 COMMUNIQUE GOI AGREED TO TEN PERCENT STEP- UP IN TAMIL REPATRIATION, PACE WHICH COULD
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REPEAT COULD, IF EFFICIENTLY IMPLEMENTED, RESULT IN COMPLETE REPATRIATION TO INDIA BY 1980 OF 525,000 PERSONS CALLED FOR IN SIRIMAVO- SHASTRI PACT. FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AND DECISIONS WERE PROMISED RE TRADE IMBALANCE AND

DISPUTED ISLET OF KACHCHATIVU. IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS MRS GANDHI STRESSED INDIA'S COMMITMENT TO IOPZ AND TO NON- ALIGNMENT, ASSERTING THAT INDO- SOVIET FRIENDSHIP TREATY WAS NO THREAT TO THIS COMMITMENT. SHE ALSO EMPHASIZED INDIA AND BANGLADESH HAD TAKEN " BROAD AND GENEROUS VIEW" IN ADVANCING RECENT PROPOSAL ON POW ISSUE AND THAT MUJIB WAS NOT INUTTO. SHE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT PAKISTANI RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH WOULD FOLLOW AUTOMATICALLY IF THE ISSUES CONFRONTING THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE SETTLED. REPLYING TO PRESS QUESTION, MRS GANDHI OBSERVED THAT SHE WAS NOT " SHYING AWAY" FROM SUMMIT CONFERENCE WITH BHUTTO BUT THAT NO RUIAL PROPOSAL HAD BEEN MADE SO FAR.

(B) US RELATIONS WITH PRC AND INDIA: IN RESPONSE TO SUCCESSIVE QUESTIONS, MRS GANDHI SAID GOI WELCOMED THAW IN SINO- US RELATIONS

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AND TIMELY INITIATIVE TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH CHINA". INDIA' S RELATIIONS WITH US WERE DESCRIBED AS " QUITE FAIR". MRS GANHDI ADDED THAT INDIA HAD " NO REAL PROBLEM WITH UNITED STATES, ONLY A MIS- UNDERSTANDING" OVER BANGLADESH, WHICH NOW CLEARED UP. INDIA WOULD LIKE TO HAVE WARMEST AND FRIENDLIEST OF RELATIONS WITH US AS WITH ALL OTHER COUNTRIES, SHE SAID.

(C) SINO- INDIAN RELATIONS: " THEY WERE NOT IN TALING TERMS WITH US. BUT NOW THEY ARE ON TALKING TERMS WITH US AND COME TO OUR RECEPTIONS". (PRRVAMB JOINED REST OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS AT AIRPORT CEREMONIES AND AT OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS.)

(D) INDOCHINA: SITUATION IN INDOCHINA ATTRACTED BRIEF MENTION
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IN SEVERAL OF MRS GANHDI' S PUBLIC STATEMENTS. SHE NOTED " VALOR OF PEOPLE" OF INDOCHINA " IN DEFENSE OF THEIR RES- SPECTIVE NATIONAL IDENTIES" AT STATE BANQUET APRIL 27 AND TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE THAT WAR IN INDOCHINA WOULD END " ONLY IF CAMBODIAN ISSUE ALSO IS SETTLED". APRIL 29 COMMUNIQUE URGED IMPLEMENTATION OF JAN 27 AND FEB 21 PARIS AGREEMENTS AND NOTED " MANY PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED" TO ACHIEVE ENDURING PEACE.

8. COMMENT: PM BANDARANAIKE TOLD DCM APRIL 30 THAT SHE WAS " PLEASED" WITH VISIT AND THAT MRS GANDHI WAS ALSO. AMONG CEYLONESE PUBLIC, ACTION SRI LANKA' S COMPLAINTS, PARTICULARLY REPATIRATION QUESTION WHICH IS WIDELY VIEWED AS REAL TEST OF INDIAN INTENTIONS, WILL GIVE BOOST TO MRS B' S SAGGING RECORD AT HOME. ON BROAD RANGE OF REGIONAL AND STRATEGIC ISSUES, INDIAN STANCE WAS POSITIVE AND REASSURING TO SRI LANKA, MRS GANDHI DISPLAYING UNDERSTANDING AND SENSITIVITY TOWARD PERENNIAL GSL TREPIDATIONS CONCERNING SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE IN SHADOW OF GIAN NEIGHBOR. FINALLY, VERY FACT OF VISIT WAS DOUBTLESS FLATTERING TO PM' S SELF- IMAGE AS INTERNATIONAL FIGURE AND SERVES

ALSO AS USEFUL BALANCE TO DISPLAY OF SINO- CEYSBZ
TOIES LATER
THIS MONTH AT OPENING OF PRC- FINANCED AND - CONSTRUCTED
BANDARANAIKE MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HALL.
VAN HOLLEN

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6. ONE BOW IN DIRECTION GSL WAS AGREEMENT ON TIGHTER COORDI-
ATION BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS AT KABUL NON- ALIGNED PREPAR-
ATORY MEETING AND PRIOR TO ALGIERS SUMMIT CONFERENCE. COMM-
UNIQUE RECORDED NEED TO ADHERE TO " LONG ESTABLISHED PRACTICES
AND PROCEDURES AT CONFERENCE", PRESUMABLY REFERENCE TO SRI
LANKA' S PIQUE AT BEING BYPASSED AS VENUE FOR SUMMIT CONFERENCE

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AND TO SOME DISSATISFACTION AT HANDLING OF PRC AND GRUNK
ISSUES AT GEORGETOWN.

7. OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF MRS GANDHI'S STATEMENTS AS REPORTED
IN LOCAL PRESS FOLLOW. NO OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT AVAILABLE:

(A) PAKISTAN- BANGLISH: AT STATE BANQUET 27 APRIL PM GANDHI
POINTED TO " BROAD AND GENEROUS VIEW" TAKEN BY INDIAN AND
BANGLADESH JOINTLY IN RECENT PROPOSALS ON POW ISSUE. SHE EX-
PRESSED HOPE THAT " INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL APPRECIATE
THIS SIGNIFICANT GESTURE". SHE TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE THAT
SHEIKH MUJIB WAS NOT INSISTING ON RECOGNITION AFTERAFTERNOON MAY 1 AND
REVIEWED AGAIN PARAS 1-4 REF A AS WELL AS POINTS MADE BY AMB
(REF B). EMBOFF INFORMED JALALLAR IN LIGHT WASHINGTON GUIDANCE,
IT UNLIKELY USG COULD AGREE TO RGA REQUEST. SPECIFICALLY ASKED
ABOUT SUPPORTING ANALYSIS OF RGA BOP SITUATION AND PROJECTIONS,
IF WORD MORATORIUM MEANT RESCHEDULING AND IF REQUEST WAS FOR
MULTILATERAL ACTION.

4. JALALLAR SAID RGA WOULD PROVIDE IN NEXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION CHANGES
CAUSED BY US DOLLAR DEVALUATION. EMBOFF NOTED THAT RECENT
STRENGTHENING OF AFGHANI FROM 70 AFS TO \$1 TO 67 WAS FURTHER
INDICATOR OF AFGHAN BOP STRENGTH AND SEEMED REDUCE NEED FOR DEBT
RELIEF AT THIS TIME. JALALLAR SAID THAT NEXT TWO MONTHS WOULD
SEE LARGE OUTFLOW OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR NEEDED IMPORTS,
AND THAT THE STRENGTHENING OF AFGHANI AT THIS TIME WAS TEMPORARY
PHENOMENON REFLECTING INCREASED VALUE OF EXPORTS TO PAKISTAN
COMBINED WITH RECENT REDUCED IMPORT BILL. JALALLAR SAID
ORATORIUM MEANT DEBT RESCHEDULING AND THAT OTHER COUNTRIES
BEING GIVEN SAME NOTE AND THEREFORE APPROACH WOULD BE MULT-
ILATERAL. JALALLAR THEN REFERRED TO PRIME MINISTER'S CONVERSATION
WITH DEPSEC RUSH DURING WHICH, ACCORDING JALALLAR, DEPSEC
INDICATED US CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN DEVELOPMENTAL EFFORTS
AND EXPRESSED PRAISE FOR ACHIEVEMENTS THUS FAR. ACCORDING
JALALLAR, IF USG CANNOT PROVIDE DEBT RELIEF AT TIME WHEN RGA FACING
MAJOR BUDGETARY PROBLEM WITH REGARD NEED PURCHASE HUGE AMOUNTS
WHEAT (SEE SEPTEL) AND USG UNLIKELY PROVIDE COMMODITIES FOR
BUDGETARY SUPPORT (SEE SEPTEL), HOW COULD DEPSEC RUSH'S VIEWS
BE TRANSLATED INTO SOME FORM OF USG SUPPORT?

5. AS INDICATED ABOVE, SEPARATE TELEGRAM REPORTS FORMAL RGA
REQUEST FOR COMMODITY SUPPORT. EMBOFF INFORMED JALALLAR USG
WOULD NOT RESPOND TO NOTE UNTIL RECEIPT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
AND, THEREFORE, EMBASSY NOT RPT NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME MAKE
ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEPARTMENT REGARDING NATURE OF OUR
RESPONSE.

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